

Health Care

I am committed to increasing access to health care, attracting quality providers, and making health care more affordable in Wyoming. Rural health care issues are a vital part of protecting our state's quality of life. As a leader in the Senate Rural Health Caucus, I will address Wyoming's unique needs and continue to ensure rural health care remains at the forefront of the health care debate.

Public Lands

Multiple-use is the backbone of Wyoming's economy. Since 50 percent of our state is owned by the federal government, we must have access to a large portion of this land for commercial, recreation and other purposes. Restricting access to public lands in Wyoming is contrary to our core values. I will continue working to ensure our public lands remain available for public enjoyment long into the future, and continue to be managed for various purposes.

Economy

To ensure economic growth for the future, it is important that Congress become vigilant against deficit spending. I am committed to doing my part. We will only sustain economic prosperity and fiscal responsibility by controlling spending and limiting the growth of the federal government. This fiscal discipline will help us meet the challenges of the next century: continued economic growth and job creation; saving Social Security for current and future generations; reducing the tax burdens of hard working Americans; and paying down the national debt.

Energy

As a senior member of the Energy Committee I will work to ensure that Wyoming's energy interests are met and the vitality of our energy industries continue in the future. Our country needs a comprehensive energy policy -- doing less will adversely affect our economy. I will do what it takes to pass comprehensive energy legislation which will pursue research and technology, make electricity generation a reality, and will continue to develop our energy infrastructure.

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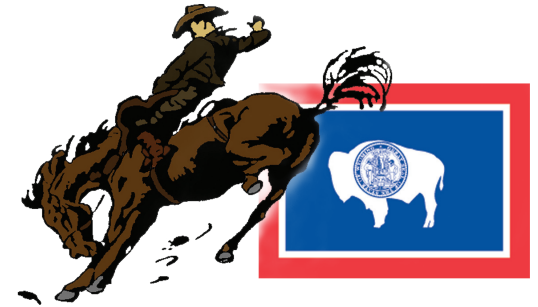
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U.S. Senator for Wyoming

PRIORITIES:

- ▷ **COMPREHENSIVE
ENERGY POLICY**
- ▷ **ACCESSIBLE RURAL
HEALTH**
- ▷ **MULTIPLE-USE OF
PUBLIC LANDS**
- ▷ **WYOMING'S ECONOMIC
FUTURE**

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Craig Thomas is Wyoming's senior voice in the United States Senate. His efforts in job creation and economic growth are the foundation of his work to improve the quality of life for people in rural America. During his tenure in Congress, he has forged a distinguished legislative record on issues as diverse as public land management, agriculture, fiscal responsibility and rural health care.

In 1989, after years of involvement in public policy and rural advocacy, Craig Thomas won a highly competitive special election to replace Dick Cheney in the House of Representatives, when Cheney was appointed Secretary of Defense. He was first elected to the United States Senate in 1994, and to a second term in 2000 by an overwhelming 74 percent majority -- one of the largest margins in Wyoming election history.

In the U.S. Senate, Senator Thomas has built a solid reputation as one of the most fiscally conservative members of Congress with a particular emphasis on addressing quality of life issues facing families in the rural American West. Senator Thomas has positioned himself on committees which have the greatest impact on the legislation of concern to Wyoming. As a member of the Republican leadership team, serving as Deputy Whip during the last three Congresses, Thomas is a leader among leaders.

The Thomas record includes authoring, as chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, landmark legislation to provide critical funding and management reforms that will protect America's national parks into the 21st Century. As a result, his visionary legislation has helped to ensure quality visits to our national parks. In addition,

the legislation protects natural and cultural resources, and directs new resources to our nation's parks system. Senator Thomas' efforts have been routinely recognized by the National Parks and Conservation Association who honored him with their "William Penn Mott, Jr. Park Leadership Award" and subsequently with the National Parks Achievement Award.

Senator Thomas, a member of the influential Senate Finance Committee, exercises growing seniority with particular interest in Social Security, trade, rural health care, and tax reform. As co-chair of the Senate Rural Health Caucus, Senator Thomas has been instrumental in reforming and strengthening the rural health care infrastructure by encouraging greater equity with urban counterparts through better affordability of services, and by attracting qualified health care professionals. Thomas, a strong advocate for our agricultural industry, continues to represent Wyoming's unique interests in maintaining our economic security through his work on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Craig Thomas was raised on a ranch near Cody, but has made his home in Casper for more than 20 years. He attended public schools and graduated from the University of Wyoming in Laramie with a degree in Agriculture. After college, he served four years in the United States Marine Corps. He has served as vice president of the Wyoming Farm Bureau, and general manager of the Wyoming Rural Electric Association. Before his election to the U.S. House, he held office for five years in the Wyoming State Legislature. Craig is married to Susan Thomas, a public school teacher for special needs students. He has four grown children.

Committee Assignments

- **Finance Committee**

Chairman,
Subcommittee on International Trade

Subcommittee on Health Care

Subcommittee on Taxation and Oversight

- **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**

Chairman, Subcommittee on Parks,
Historic Preservation and Recreation

Subcommittee on Water and Power

- **Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee**

Subcommittee on Marketing,
Inspection, and Product Promotion

Subcommittee on Forestry,
Conservation, and Rural Revitalization

- **Committee on Indian Affairs**

- **Senate Select Committee on Ethics**